

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Richard GRIFFITHS et al.
Serial No. 08/973,363
Filed December 4, 1997



Group Art Unit 1632

Examiner R. Schnizer

AVIAN CHD GENES AND THEIR USE IN
METHODS FOR SEX IDENTIFICATION IN BIRDS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 28, 1999, the
time for responding thereto being extended for five months in
accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently
herewith, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, delete in its entirety and replace with

-- Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention --;

between lines 13-14, insert the following sentence --

2. Description of Related Art --.

Page 4, line 1, delete in its entirety and replace with --

Summary of the Invention --.

Page 5, between lines 22-23, insert the following:

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